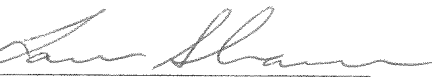


The Examiner also required an election of species between MMP-2 and MMP-9. See Office Action, page 10. Applicants note that in the Office Action mailed May 27, 2009, the Examiner withdrew this species election requirement and both MMP-2 and MMP-9 were subsequently examined. Applicants direct the Examiner to the arguments found in the response filed March 6, 2009 and request that, for consistency, the Examiner again withdraw the election of species requirement.

In view of the above, the restriction requirement imposed for asserted lack of unity of invention should be withdrawn in its entirety.

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